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SRI K. PARTHASARATHY :—From the answer given by the Hon. Minister, we find that even though the process of provincialization began in 1928, it has been proceeding at a very slow pace. May I know whether the Government will take steps to accelerate the pace? ''

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—'' That depends on the finances of the State, Sir.''

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—'' Sir, the Hon. Minister said that this scheme of provincialization was being implemented with effect from 1928. May I know from him how many hospitals have been provincialized in the last quarter century? ''

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—'' In the Madras State 73 hospitals have been provincialized. I cannot give the figures for the composite State.''

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—'' Is there any proposal before the Government of Madras to nationalize or to take over some of the municipal hospitals in the next year and if so what are those hospitals? ''

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—'' The hon. Member may kindly wait and see the budget volumes.''

SRI P. B. K. RAJACHIDAMBARAM :—'' In view of the fact that the Government are already meeting the pay of the medical officers employed in the taluk headquarters hospitals, will the Government consider the desirability of taking over the administration of all the taluk headquarters hospitals still not taken over by them? ''

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—'' Yes, Sir, that is the idea.''

Entry of Harijans into Choultries.

* 10 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have taken any action against any authorities in the management of choultries which exhibit boards in front of them prohibiting entry of untouchables (Harijans); and

(*b*) if so, the names of the choultries, if any, which refused to remove such boards?

THE HON. SRI K. VENKATASWAMY NAIDU :—'' (*a*) & (*b*) There are no choultries in this State which exhibit boards in front of them prohibiting entry of persons belonging to Scheduled castes. Hence the other parts of the question do not arise.''

SRI A. RATNAM :—'' கனம் மந்திரி அவர்களுடைய பதில் எனக்கு வியப்பை அளிக்கிறது. சென்னையிலும், ராஜ்யத்தின் மற்ற இடங்களிலுமுள்ள சத்திரங்களில் நடக்கும் சுப காரியங்களுக்கு இது வரையிலும் ஹரிஜனங்கள் உள்ளே விடப்பட்டதும் கிடையாது; எப்பொழுதும் அவர்களை அனுமதித்ததும் கிடையாது. நேற்றைய தினம் நான் காஞ்சீபுரம் சென்றிருந்தேன். காஞ்சீபுரத்திலுள்ள சத்திரங்களில் தீண்டாதவர்கள்

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ஹரிஜனங்கள் உள்ளே வரக்கூடாது என்ற போர்டு வெளியே தொங்க் கொண்டுதான் இருக்கின்றன. ஆகவே உடனே நமது மந்திரி அவர்கள் இந்த போர்டுகளை அப்புறப்படுத்தச் செய்வதோடு, ஹரிஜனங்கள் சத்தரங்களில் நுழைய அனுமதிக்கும்படி உத்திரவு போடுவார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI K. VENKATASWAMY NAIDU :—" If the hon. Member brings any particular instance to the notice of the Government, it will be considered, Sir."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Is the word 'Harijan' synonymous with the word 'Untouchable'? "

THE HON. SRI K. VENKATASWAMY NAIDU :—" More or less, they are synonymous." (Laughter.)

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Is the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments aware of the fact that there are some choultries in the State of Madras which are exclusively meant for certain communities like Brahmans, Kshatriyas, Mudaliyars, etc., and if so, is it in consonance with the spirit of the Constitution? If it is against the spirit of the Constitution, will the Hon. Minister take proper steps to throw open such choultries to others also inclusive of Harijans? "

THE HON. SRI K. VENKATASWAMY NAIDU :—" Sir, there may be private choultries belonging to various communities and I do not think the Government can take cognizance of them. Even if it is necessary to make them realize this idea, we must proceed slowly in such cases."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" இது வரை எந்தெந்த சத்திரங்களில் ஹரிஜனங்கள் அனுமதிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறார்கள் என்பதற்காவது அரசாங்கத்தினிடம் குறிப்பு இருக்கிறதா ? இருந்தால் குறிப்பாக எவ்வளவு சத்திரங்களில் அனுமதிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறார்கள் என்றாவது கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொல்வார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI K. VENKATASWAMY NAIDU :—" We have not received any complaint so far. If there is any public choultry in respect of which there is such complaint, the Government will take due notice of it."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Will the Hon. Minister concur with me if I say that the existence of such choultries, even though communally formed, is supported by the spirit of the Constitution though not in so many words? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, we are dealing rather loosely with the subject. There are institutions under the management of the Government or under the control of the Government and there are private charities. We cannot altogether dry up private charities by imposing a doctrine upon private persons. The question is, whether it is more important to get private charity into operation or whether it is more important to lay down a doctrine of equality. Where a private person wishes to make a charity, we cannot go and ask him to give other charities. Therefore we have to do this slowly and carefully. Our aim will be to broaden all charities. Hon. Members may remember the history of the Pachayappa's College. Originally according

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to their rules even Musalmans and Harijans were not admitted. But we were able to make changes by a process of waiting and patience. We have to proceed slowly with respect to private charities. But, wherever the Government have control and influence, it may be taken that we will see that everybody gets the advantages of such institutions.''

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Is the Rani Mangamma Choultry in Madurai open to Harijans? ''

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" In such cases where there is a legal difficulty, the Courts will decide. We should not try to hasten and precipitate matters. Sir, very often it is advantageous to make people forget the sectional nature of a particular charity so that the Government may interfere afterwards, if necessary.''

SRI A. RATNAM :—" மதுரையிலுள்ள மங்கம்மா சத்திரத்தின் பெயரான மங்கம்மா என்பது ஒரு ஹரிஜனப் பெண்ணினுடையதா? ஹரிஜனங்களால் அந்தச் சத்திரம் கட்டப்பட்டதா? ராஜா ஸர் ராமசாமி முதலியார் போன்ற பிரமுகரின் சத்திரங்களிலும் இங்கு அனுஷ்டிக்கப்படும் படியான முறைகள் அனுஷ்டிக்கப்படுகின்றனவா? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, ' Mangammal ' is a name which is respected by the people of South India. It is a name connected with an old ruling family of Madurai and I am rather sorry that the hon. Member chose to speak in a derisive manner about it.''

11-20 a.m. SRI A. K. SUBBIAH :—" ஹரிஜன ஆலயப் பிரவேசம் நடத்தியமாதிரியாக ஹரிஜன சத்திரப் பிரவேசம் நடத்த இந்த அரசாங்கம் முன் வருமா? "

THE HON. SRI K. VENKATASWAMY NAIDU :—" I want the question to be repeated, Sir.''

SRI A. K. SUBBIAH :—" ஹரிஜன ஆலயப் பிரவேசம் நடத்தியமாதிரி-யாக ஹரிஜன சத்திரப் பிரவேசம் நடத்த இந்த சர்க்கார் முன் வருமா? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The question of agitation and education of the people is quite different from entering a house where we have no right to enter.''

Advisory Committee for the Government Hospital, Tiruvallur.

* 11 *Q.*—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether any Advisory Committee has been constituted or is proposed to be constituted for the Government Hospital, Tiruvallur?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" An Advisory Committee has been constituted for the Government Hospital, Tiruvallur.''

SRI M. DHARMALINGAM :—" Sir, in view of the fact that the recommendations made by such Committees are not taken into consideration by the Government, may I know from the Hon. Minister the main object of constituting such Advisory Committees? Also may I know whether the Government have framed any rules regarding the constitution of such Advisory Committees, nomination of members to such Committees, etc.? "